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BEATEN AND ROBBED BY GERMANS, WOMAN SAYS

Scientist, Said to Have Lived in Washington, Told of Abuses Suffered.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

New York, Jan. 4.—The story of how she was beaten, gagged, robbed and otherwise mistreated in a railroad train in Germany was told today by Dr. Martha Annette Hodge, of Washington, D. C., who has just arrived here from Liverpool aboard the Arabic.

Dr. Hodge went to Germany before the outbreak of the war to study Roentgen rays for the University of California, Columbia, in which she was professor of mathematics. She left Berlin September 4 for the Belgian frontier. Dr. Hodge says a guard locked her in a compartment alone just before the train started. She was alone and the compartment was unlocked. She fell asleep. She was awakened by the jolt of the train stopping.

Suddenly the door of the compartment was opened, said Dr. Hodge, "and two men entered. One grabbed me by the throat and the other stuffed dirty wet rags into my mouth. They beat me, pinched all my front teeth and cutting my head. They tore off my dress and put my purse, baggage check and watch into my hands and then took about \$50 in cash.

Just before the train started they took my hat and coat, left the compartment and disappeared. I lost consciousness. I regained consciousness in Cologne."

Dr. Hodge's name does not appear in the directory of Washington and efforts to identify her as a resident here last night were futile. It is presumed she lived here before going to Cartagena.

Mrs. Connolly Dead.
Philadelphia, N. J., Jan. 4.—Mrs. F. F. Connolly, pastor of St. Philip and St. James' Church for the last fifteen years, died this afternoon of bronchial pneumonia. He was seventy-one years old.

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GARDNER 'CALLS' THE COMMITTEE

Demands "Show Down," Declaring "Ace Full" of Opponents Is Bluff.

'Twas A HOT HEARING

Representative Quin Gets Sore and Calls Big Amendment Project "Darned Foolishness."

Representative Augustus P. Gardner, of Massachusetts, who had got on the nerves of the Wilson Administration by beating the tom-toms for larger appropriations for national defense, had a lively time yesterday before the House Committee on Military Affairs. This committee, and notably the chairman, Representative Kay, of Virginia, are of the opinion that Congress is spending about all the traffic will bear for the enlargement of the army and navy. Mr. Gardner, therefore, confronted an unfriendly jury.

"Darned Foolishness,"

"I do," shouted Mr. Gardner. "The committee ought to be cut," cried Mr. Quin. "The working people have to pay for all this damned foolishness." "The working people will have to pay a great deal more when this country gets into war," returned Mr. Gardner. Mr. Gardner said he was willing to spend \$10,000,000 a year, if necessary, to put the United States in a condition for preparedness for war.

"You claim we are prepared for war, and I do not propose to let you get away with it without proof," exclaimed Mr. Gardner, addressing Chairman Kay. "I don't intend to let you take the pot by saving you have more than enough preparedness for war."

Mr. Gardner concluded his testimony with a challenge to the committee to a great deal more when this country gets into war, returned Mr. Gardner. Mr. Gardner said he was willing to spend \$10,000,000 a year, if necessary, to put the United States in a condition for preparedness for war.

Mr. Gardner expressed grave doubt as to whether all militiamen would respond in time of need. The witness said the United States army was deficient in artillery and ammunition, and was generally unprepared for trouble.

CANAL TOO NARROW FOR DREADNOUGHTS

Culebra Cut Slides Fill Channel. So International Naval Pageant May Be Impeded.

Plans for the international naval pageant through the Panama Canal next March, already considerably interfered with by the war in Europe, may be further disturbed by the condition of the waterway itself.

Following the arrival of Col. George W. Goethals, governor of the canal, in Washington yesterday, it developed that there is a prospect that conditions in the Culebra cut will remain uncertain for a considerable period, owing to the numerous and serious slides.

It is stated that whether it will be advisable to attempt to pass a large number of great warships through the canal at one time or soon as next March will remain a very doubtful question for the next two months at least.

At present the channel through that part of Culebra cut where the slides are giving most trouble is only 100 feet wide. The most modern dreadnaughts of the United States fleet have beams of ninety-six and ninety-seven feet, giving a margin of only three feet through the channel past the slides.

WOMAN IN OREGON SENATE

Salem, Ore., Jan. 4.—Gov. West today announced the appointment of Miss Kathryn Clarke, of Glendale, to be State senator to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator George Neun, named district attorney for Douglas County.

If seated, Miss Clarke will be the first woman to serve in the senate. Miss Marion E. Towns was elected last November to the house.

MUSKRATS CHANGE N. J. SENATE

Upper House Now Republican as Result of Hunters' Votes.

Salem, N. J., Jan. 4.—To muskrats is given the credit for changing the political complexion of the upper house of the new State legislature, through influencing the election of Collins B. Allen, Republican, of Mannington township, Salem County, over Senator Isaac Smick, Democrat, of Canton. The Democrats were in control by just one vote, while this year the vote will be Republicans 11; Democrats 10.

Muskrat trapping is one of the important industries in Salem County during the winter. Trappers and native hunters have found revisions in the game laws distasteful last year, and they took out their resentment against the administration upon Senator Smick. Senator Allen is a farmer, and besides being pledged to seek some important changes in the trapping and hunting laws, he has cast his vote for revisions in the State school and real systems.

WASHINGTON SOCIETY DANCES FOR CHARITY

Benefit Entertainment at the Willard Draws Debutantes and Leaders from Capital's 400.

The lilies of the field had strong competition in holding their position of the most aristocratic objects when the debutantes of Washington's social conservatory gathered at the Willard last night to dance for charity at the annual Charity Ball. The elite of the city's social circles were in the throng that patronized the annual benefit for Children's Hospital.

Debutantes and matrons in the full bloom of beauty made the large ballroom at the Willard a veritable garden of the rarest blossoms culture can produce. Every small flower had a masculine companion humbly serving as a mere flower stick. And every flower stick was proud to be a blossom. Some of the flowers were content to remain in their boxes surrounded by admirers, while others—such as not all of them the buds—found it necessary to show their life in by going on the ballroom floor.

When description is a deceiver "it is to describe. Let it be enough to say that more absolute beauty—no other unusual word will do—has seldom been seen in Washington—a city of brilliant gatherings."

Mrs. Mahlon Pitney, wife of the Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, was chairman of the ball and reception committee. In the receiving line with Mrs. Pitney stood Mrs. Frederick B. Maguire, Mrs. Thomas T. Gaff, Mrs. John W. Foster, Mrs. Joseph L. B. Gibson, and Mrs. William J. Fletcher. Miss Helen Taft was among the guests, and she was the center of the function was the fact that President Wilson and the members of his immediate family were expected to be present at the ball and reception for the death of Mrs. Wilson last spring.

U. S. SHORES AT MERCY OF INVADER, HE SAYS

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at the landing point, but even if this could be done the force would be quite inadequate for the task it has to perform. Aside from its weakness in numbers, it would be poorly organized, badly balanced and without complete equipment. Some improvement has been made in recent years in the organization of our regiments into the higher fighting units, but brigades, divisions and field armies are still mainly paper organizations, particularly in the militia.

"The shortage of ammunition for our field guns is no less alarming. In one of the hearings granted the War Department a few years ago Congress was advised that we had ammunition for our field guns to last through half a day if all were fired at the rate employed in modern war. In other words, a fight begun in the morning would have to be suspended at noon because of ammunition shortage. Congress appeared to be impressed by this statement and there was much talk of creating an adequate reserve, and, although nothing much came of all this, still something was accomplished, for we have today sufficient ammunition to last our guns through a day and a half. This one matter illustrates, perhaps as well as any that may be chosen, the listless attitude of Congress to the subject of national defense."

"Or one thing we may be sure: Our weakness is well known to all the world, and if we are invaded at all it will be with forces large enough to make victory in the opening days of the invasion as certain as anything can be in war."

GERMAN SHIP UNDER U. S. FLAG TO TEST LAW

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The British press association today thus forecasted the answer of the British government to President Wilson's note protesting against interference with American merchant ships by British men-of-war on the high seas.

"The reply of the foreign office to the American note has not yet been delivered, nor even drawn up," the press association continues. "Walter H. Page, American Ambassador, called at the foreign office Saturday afternoon, but the visit was not prompted by the expectation of a delivery of a reply at that time. The whole matter is receiving earnest, careful consideration. The British government is not being actuated by diplomatic considerations alone, but is being guided largely by naval and military expert opinion."

B. & O. RE-EMPLOYS 2,000.

Road Puts Men Back on Strength of Rate Decision.

Much favorable comment was heard yesterday at the Interstate Commerce Commission on the action of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in putting to work at its shops in Baltimore between 1,500 and 2,000 men who have been out of employment for several months.

It is understood that the railroad summoned the men back to work as the result of revenue it will obtain from the decision in the advanced rate case, and an increase in business.

The information has also reached the commission that the Westinghouse company has re-employed thousands of men who were laid off, these men now being necessary to fill orders which have been placed by the carriers.

SEARCH LEADS TO CONVENTS.

Search for Miss Pauline Sullivan, seventeen years old, who disappeared from her home, 123 Euclid street northwest, has led to religious retreats.

While raised a Protestant, it is learned the girl recently had become interested in the Catholic belief, and her relatives and friends now have turned their search to convents throughout Washington and the United States. When the girl first disappeared it was believed she had taken her life because of ill health.

MEXICO IS STILL BRITISH PLAIN

Ambassador Calls at State Department to Report Conditions.

NEW MENACE APPEARING

Forces of Maytorena at Naco to Be Augmented by Large Reinforcements.

That not even the great war has relieved the United States of European interest, not to say moral pressure, regarding Mexico, was indicated yesterday by the visit of the British Ambassador to the State Department for a discussion of conditions in Mexico.

It was learned the Ambassador brought an account of conditions in Mexico, as reported to him, which was hardly flattering to the administration's policy for regenerating Mexico.

It is understood that the British government is not asking the United States to do anything about the Mexican situation, but the significance of the Ambassador's frequent visits to the department for a gloomy discussion of the subject is not lost here. It has been the British policy, particularly since President Wilson asked the European governments to do nothing in Mexico until the United States could execute its policy there, to lay before the Washington government all its information regarding Mexican affairs, and in general to exhibit an attitude indicating its conformity with the expressed desire of the United States to play the leading role with regard to the southern republic.

New Naco Menace.

Just now the administration is most concerned over the situation on the border, centering about Naco. There were abundant indications yesterday that even with this acute situation, to wrestle with which Gen. Scott went in person to Naco over two weeks ago, the position of the administration is more one of "watchful waiting" for events than anything else.

Efforts to induce Gen. Maytorena to sign an agreement with his opponent, the chief of the ball and reception committee. In the receiving line with Mrs. Pitney stood Mrs. Frederick B. Maguire, Mrs. Thomas T. Gaff, Mrs. John W. Foster, Mrs. Joseph L. B. Gibson, and Mrs. William J. Fletcher. Miss Helen Taft was among the guests, and she was the center of the function was the fact that President Wilson and the members of his immediate family were expected to be present at the ball and reception for the death of Mrs. Wilson last spring.

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DECLARES TAFT SPEECH VACUOUS

Owen Attacks Former President for Stand Against Initiative.

'DOESN'T TRUST PEOPLE'

Deununciatory Speech Opens Sessions of Convention of National Popular Government League.

Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, declared former President Taft's New Haven speech against the initiative, referendum and recall to be the result of vacuous reasoning, and the speech itself to be "part of a nation-wide campaign being waged by reactionary interests to block the progress of popular government." In an address at the opening session at the New Willard yesterday of the National Popular Government League's convention, Senator Owen is president of the league. He said, in part:

"Mr. Taft does not trust the people, and he fears the recall as a burnt child dreads the fire. Mr. Taft denounces the initiative, referendum and recall as the complete negation of the representative system of government. The exact contrary is the case."

Gen. Wood Lauded.

If Gen. Leonard Wood had been given five years more to clean up Cuba he would have given to the world as good an example of civilization "as has been dreamed of, but never realized," Wilson L. Gill, of Philadelphia, who organized the schools of Cuba when Gen. Wood was military governor, said at the afternoon meeting.

CHILD LABOR MEETING TODAY.

Two Hundred Delegates Will Convene This Morning.

With more than 200 delegates present, the eleventh annual conference of the National Child Labor Committee will open at the New Willard Hotel this morning at 10:30 o'clock. Dr. Felix Adler, of New York, chairman, presiding.

Tonight Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania, will speak on the constitutionality of a Federal child labor law, while Senator William S. Kenyon will speak on "National Conservation of Childhood."

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DECLARED WITH IRON CROSS.

Wilhelm von Rath, Former German Attaché Here, Honored.

Friends of Mr. Wilhelm von Rath, formerly an attaché of the German Embassy here, are enthusiastic over the news of his exhibition of bravery, which was rewarded by the German Emperor bestowing upon the young soldier-diplomatist the decoration of the Iron Cross. Mr. von Rath and his fiancée, Miss Cecilia Jaquinne May, are well known in Washington society.

Mr. von Rath, who left Newport last August, immediately upon the declaration of war, distinguished himself in the early stages of the campaign on the French frontier. Under heavy fire he penetrated the French lines, and after successfully performing the task assigned to him returned to his regiment. Again when his regiment was in action on the Russian front he repulsed this performance. Later, as a dispatch bearer, he earned great distinction by his daring and bravery. The order of the Iron Cross followed his feat in France.

Continued service under hazardous conditions resulted several weeks ago in his being invalided to his home at Frankfurt, Germany, where Miss May is passing the winter with his parents.

WILSON NOMINEE MUST EXPLAIN VOTE SWITCH

Progressive Republican Senators Say They Want Henry Clay Hall to Elucidate.

Henry Clay Hall, of Colorado Springs, Colo., nominated by President Wilson to succeed himself as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, must explain to the Senate why he changed his vote on the 5 per cent freight rate increase. This was the ultimatum given the administration yesterday by Senators La Follette, Cummins and Clark, of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

The fight against Hall was precipitated at a secret meeting of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, called by Chairman Newlands Saturday. Newlands expected the committee to vote a favorable report on the confirmation of Hall without discussion. The three Progressive Republican Senators refused to approve of Hall until he should explain his change of front on the rate question.

They suggested that he had been known as a firm opponent of the advance in freight rates asked by the eastern railroads, until almost the date of his being nominated. At about the same time the rate decision was handed down, and Hall was shown to have voted in accordance with the known desire of the President—favoring the increase.

Senator La Follette made a notably lengthy and a statistical speech in opposition to White House interference with this rate decision, when it was pending last spring. Senator Cummins and Senator Clapp also have fought the advance in rates.

A struggle as bitter as that over Thomas B. Jones, named last summer as member of the Federal Reserve Board, is anticipated if Hall fails to appear or does not satisfy the committee on his position.

The struggle over Hall's appointment is developing into a fight to bring to an issue President Wilson's friendliness to the railroads in the rate case and

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Paul R. Cobb, 23, of Portsmouth, Va., and Irma Chambers, 23, of Richmond, Va. Rev. L. M. Chambers.

Castroville Di Carlo, 24, and Sebastiana D'Este, 24, Rev. N. M. De Carlo.

Robert W. Calhoun, 23, U. S. N., and Martha B. Ryan, 23, of Washington, D. C. Rev. L. M. Chambers.

Walter E. Childs, 22, and Annie T. Adams, 18, Rev. A. J. Carey.

Bonnet McDaniell, 22, and Nannie Mae Wright, 23, both of Annapolis, Va. Rev. H. T. Stevenson.

Joseph P. Hill, 23, and Lydia W. Sutt, 18, Rev. W. O. Brown.

Throws Tots from Window.

New York, Jan. 4.—A half-crazed woman, Mrs. Rose Shuckman, who believed that a small fire had cut off escape and doomed her family, this afternoon threw her four small children, one after the other, from the third floor of her home, 68 Hendrix street, and then jumped to the pavement. The youngest child, aged five, and the woman probably will die.

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